

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2555

January 21, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a new offense for a person to intentionally deface any real or personal property of another with graffiti as defined in the bill. Offense is punishable as theft with the sentence ranging from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class B felony depending on the value of the property.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-14-412, it is currently a Class B misdemeanor for a person to knowingly damage or deface real or personal property of the state with graffiti.
- Graffiti-related offenses can already be prosecuted as vandalism under Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-14-408, therefore this legislation would not have a fiscal impact on state or local governments.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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